

Medical-Surgical Certification

1. Calling ALL Med-Surg nurses who want to become certified!

- Professional Nursing Certification is a way to validate nursing knowledge in an area of specialty.
- Professional Nursing Certification should be part of every nurse's Professional Development Plan.
- Be Motivated to advance in your nursing specialty!
- Let us celebrate YOU on Certified Nurses Day every March!
- Eligible RNs don't have to pay out of pocket for the certification exam. Click on this link: Policy Manager MCN





2. I think I'm ready to become certified. What's next?

- Speak to your Nursing Director or CNC/NPS to determine if you are ready & eligible to sit for Med-Surg certification.
- Look at eligibility requirements on the ANCC website ANCC Med Surg
- Create an account on the ANCC website by clicking ANCC Med Surg
- Start keeping track of nursing contact hours (CE) you will need 30 to apply for any ANCC Certification exam.
- The Norman Knight Nursing Center KNC Calendar has a large menu of Continuing Education programs that are on site and free!

3. Make Study Plan

- It's more FUN with FRIENDS grab a partner and commit to reviewing the content for a specific amount of time until you feel ready.
- See your Nursing Director for study resource information for Nursing Certification Exams CE HealthStream
- PRACTICETESTS are the best way to become familiar with the types of questions that will be asked.

4. Register for the ANCC Medical-Surgical Certification Exam

- Obtain the ANCC Success Pays Discount Code from your ND or CNS/NPS or by emailing kpcs@partners.org
- Go to the ANCC website to register for the Med-Surg Exam by entering the Success Pays code in the "discount code" space.
- Once you register you will receive an "Authorization to Test" and you will be prompted to select a date and location to take your exam
- You will have 90 days to take the certification exam.



5. CELEBRATE your Professional Nursing Certification!

- CONGRATULATIONS!
- Be sure to enter your Certification information into PeopleSoft.
- MGH celebrates all Certified Nurses every year March 19th which is national Certified Nurses Day!
- Encourage others to become professional certified!
- Keep track of all CE so that you will be ready for RECERTIFICATION in 5 years.
- Success Pays is also available for Recertifications.



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For more information send your questions to: <u>KPCS@PARTNERS.ORG</u>